

SENATE GENERAL WLEFARE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT 1

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2347*

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by deleting Section 5 of the introduced bill and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-8-109, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

Section 68-8-109.

(a) Any dog or cat found running at large may be seized by the proper health authorities, a peace officer, or an animal control officer, and placed in a shelter or facility, as defined in § 44-17-302, in cities or counties where such a shelter or facility is available.

(b) If a dog or cat that has been seized as described in subsection (a) above is wearing a tag, the owner shall be notified by a postcard addressed to the owner's last-known mailing address to appear within five (5) days and redeem the dog or cat by paying a pound fee established by local authorities, or the dog or cat may be destroyed. If the animal's owner does not appear to redeem the dog or cat within five (5) days, the dog or cat shall become the property of the shelter or facility.

(c)(1) If a dog or cat that has been seized as described in subsection (a) above is not wearing a tag, the dog or cat shall become the property of the shelter or facility unless legally claimed by its owner within three (3) business days, including the day the dog or cat was seized.

(2) For the purposes of this subsection, "business day" is defined as a day during which the shelter or facility is open to the public for a minimum of two (2) hours.

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following new section immediately preceding the last section and by renumbering the subsequent section accordingly:

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SECTION ____ Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 8, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 68-8-1__.

A dog or cat which has been seized and placed in a shelter or facility pursuant to §68-8-109 and for which there is no evidence of current vaccination against rabies shall not be released from the shelter or facility unless:

(1) Such animal is vaccinated against rabies and the owner or person adopting such animal is provided with evidence of such vaccination, including a vaccination tag, as provided for in §68-8-104; or

(2) The owner or person adopting such animal signs an agreement to have such animal vaccinated against rabies within sixty (60) days and to provide evidence of such vaccination to the shelter or facility.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting subdivision (c)(2) of Section 39-14-210 in Section 6 of the introduced bill and by substituting instead the following:

(2) After a holding period of not less than seventy-two (72) hours and after having made a reasonable effort to locate and notify the owners, such animal shall become the property of such society.

AND FURTHER AMEND in subdivision (c)(1) of the amendatory language of Section 6 by deleting the language "appearing,".

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